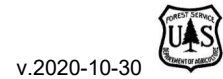




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Decision Memo

Ormiston Corral

U.S. Forest Service

Mancos/Dolores Ranger District, San Juan National Forest

Montezuma, CO

Project Information

Proposal Name: Ormiston Corral

Proposal Date: 7/7/2021

USFS Project Contact: Angela Yemma

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Responsible Official: Derek Padilla, District Ranger

Unit: San Juan National Forest

Ranger District: Mancos/Dolores

Counties: Montezuma

State: CO

Anticipated Implementation: Summer 2021

Signing Authority: District Ranger

Public web link: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60462>

General Location: The site is located approximately 1.7 miles from the west up FS Road 521 on Ormiston Point at the old gravel pit area with a FS interpretive sign.

Applicable Management Areas: MA5 – Active Management

Legal Description: Sec. 15 T 39N R 17W NMPM

Elevation Range: 7,400'

Watersheds: Ponderosa Gorge-Dolores River-Narraguinnep Canyon

Applicable Categorical Exclusion and Findings Required by Other Laws

This proposal is categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement because it fits the following category or categories, consider extraordinary circumstance determinations:

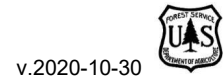
Applicable Category or Categories:

36 CFR 220.6(e)(9) (DM Required)

This category is applicable for this project because while the Long Park Allotment has an Allotment Management Plan (AMP) in place that included this project, it has not undergone NEPA analysis. Construction of a corral would assist in the permittee in livestock management and distribution throughout the pasture and there are no extenuating circumstances expected.



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Compliance with other laws is documented and can be found in the project file, including: NFMA, ESA, NHPA, CWA, CAA, and various EOs.

Proposed Action

The permittee for the Long Park Allotment has proposed to construct a corral in the Ormiston Point pasture to improve livestock management. The project area is within the allotment's Ormiston Pasture. Construction of a corral would assist in the permittee in livestock management and distribution throughout the pasture. The proposed action is for the Forest Service to allow the construction, use, and maintenance of the corral on the allotment within the San Juan National Forest (SJNF) Mancos/Dolores Ranger District.

The corral will be small (approximately 1,000 square feet or less) and constructed from cattle panels or other appropriate fencing material attached to posts in the ground. Corral access will be from the existing road to the old gravel pit off of FS Road 521. Corral use will occur throughout the grazing season to gather and manage cattle, with the majority of use at the beginning and end of the grazing season.

The proposed action includes the following design feature to minimize impacts:

Design Elements

The following design elements are required, and are incorporated into the proposed action to ensure land management plan compliance:

Table 1. Design elements

Design Element Label	Design Element Description	Plan Component
Engineering - 1	Corral placement will not prevent access to gravel pile.	Minerals and Energy 2.19.2

Agencies, Organizations and Persons Contacted

The project was developed externally with the Long Park Allotment permittee. The project proposal was posted on the San Juan National Forest project webpage and Schedule of Proposed Actions on July 7, 2021. No inquiries or comments were received.

Implementation Date

I intend to implement the decision as soon as this decision is signed in summer 2021.

Administrative Review

Decisions that are categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement are not subject to an administrative review process (Agriculture Act of 2014 [Pub. L. No. 113-79], Subtitle A, Sec. 8006).

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Decision

This decision incorporates all information in this document and included in the project file.

I have decided to authorize the activities described in the “Proposed Action” section, including any modifications that resulted from environmental analysis and review of regulatory compliance.

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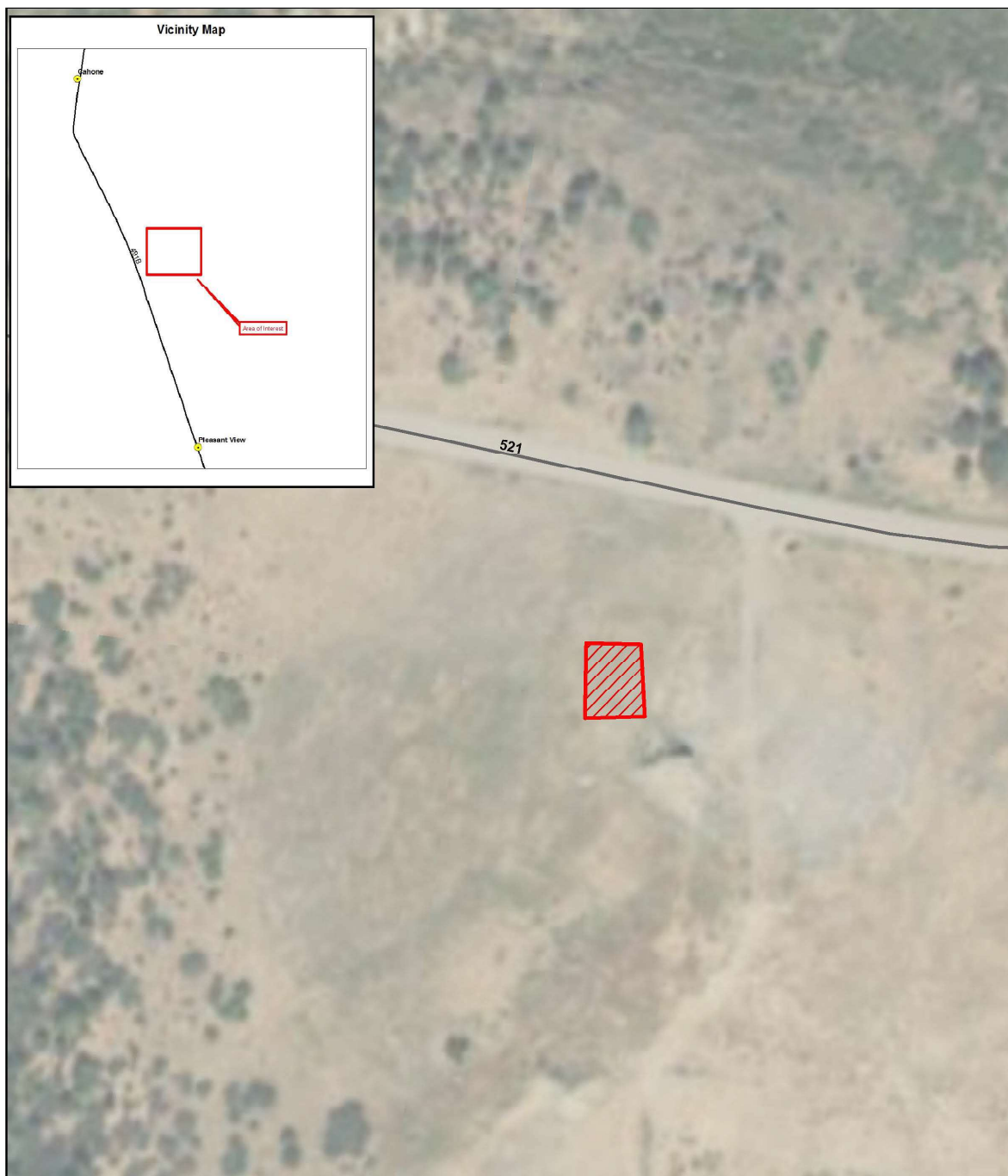
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Date

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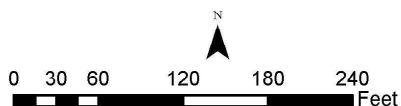
Project Map

Ormiston Corral Project Area San Juan National Forest - Dolores Ranger District



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Legend

- Ormiston Corral Project Area
- Roads

Extraordinary Circumstance Determinations

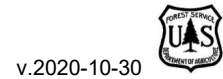
Pertinent specialists have reviewed the proposal and made the following determinations with regards to degree of effects for the resource conditions considered:

Table 2. Resource conditions considered for extraordinary circumstance determinations

Resource Conditions Considered for Extraordinary Circumstances	Is there a degree of potential effect that raises uncertainty over its significance? Briefly explain.
Federally listed threatened or endangered species, designated critical habitat, and Forest Service sensitive species	<p>Botany: NO, there is no uncertainty Rationale: T&E – No critical habitat in the project area. Sensitive –Negative survey; may impact individuals or habitat, but will not likely contribute to a trend towards federal listing or loss of viability to the population or species.</p> <p>Fisheries: N/A, not present Rationale: T&E – No individuals or habitat present in the project area. Sensitive - No habitat in project area.</p> <p>Wildlife: N/A, not present Rationale: T&E – No individuals or habitat present in the project area Sensitive - No habitat in project area.</p>
Floodplains, wetlands, or municipal watersheds	<p>N/A, not present Rationale: Not present in the project area.</p>
Congressionally designated areas, such as wilderness, wilderness study areas, or national recreation areas	<p>N/A, not present Rationale: Not present in the project area.</p>
Inventoried roadless areas	<p>N/A, not present Rationale: Not present in the project area.</p>
Research natural areas	<p>N/A, not present Rationale: Not present in the project area.</p>
American Indians and Alaska Native religious or cultural sites	<p>N/A, not present Rationale: Not present in the project area.</p>
Archaeological sites, or historic properties or areas	<p>N/A, not present Rationale: Negative survey – not present in the project area.</p>



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